

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

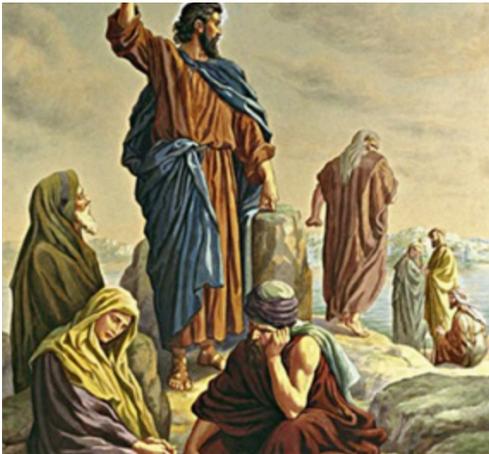
“To know... To teach... To share Christ”

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**“Son of man, I
have made you
a watchman for
the people of
Israel...
(Ezekiel 33:7)**

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
*September 24, 2017***

Our Worship Today

Welcome! We pray that your worship here will draw you closer to your Savior and equip you for a continuing life of Christian discipleship. For your spiritual needs we offer you the Word of Him who can supply all our needs - Jesus Christ, our Savior. Rejoice in His love for you. He cares for you. You are His own dear child.

Prayer Before Worship Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Worship Guide For Todays Service

Morning Praise, pages 45-51

Our Songs	CW 241	“Alleluia! Let Praises Ring“
	CW 490	“Love in Christ Is Strong and Living“
	CW 494	“Blest Be the Tie that Binds“
	CW 499	“O God of Mercy, God of Might“
Psalm	CW 86	Psalm 51a

Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday Worship 21

Sunday Bible Class 6

Sunday Offering: General Fund \$2,649

Midweek Bible Study: 3

Serving In Worship Today

Minister

Organist/Accompanist

Videographer

Pastor Alan W. Gumm

Jodie Roberts

Wally Jordan

Opening Hymn

CW 241 "Alleluia! Let Praises Ring"

Invitation To Worship

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: 🎵 **And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

P: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: 🎵 **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

P: The Lord is risen: Let us worship Him.

Oh, Come, Let Us Sing To The Lord

CW 46

The First Lesson

Ezekiel 33:7-11

"Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked man, you will surely die,' and you do not speak out to dissuade him from his ways, that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood. But if you do warn the wicked man to turn from his ways and he does not do so, he will die for his sin, but you will be saved yourself. "Son of man, say to the house of Israel, 'This is what you are saying: "Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?" ' (NIV1984)

The Psalm

Psalm 51a, CW Page 86

Congregation sings refrain and the speaks second half of each verse

The Second Lesson

Romans 13:1-10

Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist

have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience. This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellow-man has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "Do not commit adultery," "Do not murder," "Do not steal," "Do not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. (NIV1984)

The Gospel

Please Stand

Matthew 18:15-20

"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector. "I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. "Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." (NIV1984)

Seasonal Response

C: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Sermon Hymn

CW 490 "Love in Christ Is Strong and Living"

Sermon

"We Are Responsible For Each Other"

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Hymn

CW 494 "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

Offering

Our Offerings to the Lord are free will. Let your offerings be a joyful response to God's grace to you.

Prayer of the Church

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 50

The Lord's Prayer

CW Page 50

Prayer For Grace and the Benediction

CW Page 50

Closing Hymn

CW 499 "O God of Mercy, God of Might"

Announcements

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

Today, September 24: Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Worship Service, 10:30 AM
Tuesday, September 26: Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Sunday, October 1: Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Worship Service with communion, 10:30 AM

Pastor in the Office: Tuesday, 9:00 AM to 12:00PM
Thursday, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM & 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

“A Return To Grace: Luther’s Life and Legacy” movie will be shown at the AMC theater at Merchant’s Crossing (15201 N. Cleveland Ave.) on Wednesday, November 1, at 6:30 p.m. The cost of the ticket is \$9.00. Abiding Love Lutheran Church in Cape Coral is sponsoring this. In order to have the movie shown, they will need 100 tickets sold. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Christ the King, Bethany, and Abiding Love Lutheran Churches are invited to enjoy a Christmas Cruise from Fisherman’s Village in Punta Gorda. The boat leaves at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 16th. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex on the table to find out if people are interested in going on this Christmas Cruise. If you are interested, please sign your name, how many will attend, what church you are a member of, and your phone number. For more information, please contact Robby or Evyonne Robinson at 941-627-3531.

Christ the King Lutheran Church is looking for used walkers, canes, crutches, and wheel chairs that are no longer needed. Please consider donating them so others in need may borrow them and then return to Christ the King Lutheran Church after recovery. A tax deduction statement will be given at time of donation. If you donate one of the needed items, please be sure to put your name on it so that you can receive a tax deduction statement. For more information please contact Robby Robinson at 941-627-3531.

Serving our congregation: President-Larry Martin, Finance Chairman-John Smith, Head Elder-Robby Robinson, Worship Chairman-Marlyn Rische, Education Chairman-Ron Gorske, Outreach Chairman-Don Schoening, Properties Chairman-Wally Jordan

September Birthdays: Evyonne Robinson-26th

Prayer List: Doris Cox, Ellen Laurencell, Mary Emery, Fran Stecher, Keith Haslam, Dick Clemens



GOD'S WORD FOR THIS WEEK

The Church fulfills her role as her brother's keeper. The privilege, responsibility and importance of this task all rest in the words from our Gospel lesson that follow Jesus' divine directive, "I tell you the truth..." The keys of the kingdom have been placed in our hands. It is our privilege and responsibility to bind and to loose—to be our brother's keeper—because Christ has appointed the Church to carry out that task on his behalf. Note carefully today's emphasis as opposed to next Sunday's to keep from duplicating themes. Next Sunday deals with forgiving our neighbor as God forgave us. While forgiveness is inherent in Christian discipline, today we note the work of the Christian and the Church to reach out with Law and Gospel for the sake of the fallen brother.

First Lesson: Ezekiel 33:7-11

Since the time of Cain, man has hated being his brother's keeper. Are we any different today? Who but little Pharisees enjoy pointing out others' sins? But God tells us the task is not optional. No one wants to wake up their next door neighbor at 6:00am on a Saturday. But if his house were burning, and you let him sleep, you are not just loveless and careless. You are a killer. In the same way God drops on us the heavy message of being a watchman for our brother. God's judgment on fallen man is as clear as it is severe. If we fail to do the job God has assigned us, God promises to hold us accountable. With the Law driven deeply into our hearts, God then reminds us why he has given us this job: because of his grace and his desire for the salvation of all mankind. The responsibility of waking our neighbor asleep in a burning house becomes a joyful privilege when he emerges safely from the smoke. May our task of being our brother's keeper always be one done with such responsibility and joy.

Second Lesson: Romans 13:1-10

This is the fifteenth in a series of sixteen lessons that run through Pentecost 17. Paul takes up the issue of government and the Christian's relationship to it. A Christian is a citizen of two kingdoms. The first part of this text is the definitive section of Scripture on our role as citizens of an earthly kingdom. Yet the latter part of this lesson best fits with the theme for the day. We owe our neighbor a debt of love. Keeping the commandments fulfills the law of love. "Love does no harm to its neighbor." Today's lessons point out that doing harm to our neighbor also means failing to do what God tells us in his regard: being his keeper.

The Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

"Matthew 18" has become shorthand for Christian discipline. This Sunday provides an excellent opportunity to ensure that shorthand has not become short shrift. The importance of Christian discipline lies in the fact that the keys have been placed into the hands of the Church and in no other. The Christian and the Church are a fallen sinner's only life line. Satan tries to make Christian discipline seem like the height of hypocrisy or meddling. But his is a self interested motive: he wants the fallen brother's sins bound like his for an eternity in hell. Only love could lead the Christian and the Church to go to a fallen brother. Only love led our Savior to command it. Even the manner Jesus prescribes shows great love for the fallen. First, privately, so that offense and embarrassment might be contained, and pardon and forgiveness might all the more readily flow. Then with two or three, that the matter might be underscored without making tongues wag throughout the congregation. Finally, also in love, the Church calls and, if necessary, shuns. Such a great privilege and power has Christ bestowed on us! It leads us to even greater reliance on prayer for guidance and the presence of our Savior among us.

OUR READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

First Lesson	Genesis 50:15-21
Second Lesson	Romans 14:5-9
The Gospel	Matthew 18:21-35
Psalm	103